

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: *SB 77

48th Legislature, 1st Session, 2007

Short Title: ENLACE Program at Certain Schools

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Bill Summary:

SB 77 appropriates funds to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM), the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU), and the Higher Education Department (HED) for Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) to support ENLACE programs.

* The bill contains an emergency clause.

Fiscal Impact:

\$1.2 million is appropriated from the General Fund for FY 08 as follows:

- \$400,000 to the Board of Regents of UNM;
- \$400,000 to Board of Regents of NMSU; and
- \$400,000 to HED for SFCC.

SB 77 contains a reversion clause.

SB 77 contains a clause prescribing that no more than 5.0 percent of any appropriation shall be used for administrative costs.

From FY 01 through FY 05, ENLACE operated with Kellogg Foundation funding. When this funding was exhausted, the Legislature has continued appropriating funds to HED for ENLACE, allocating \$237,500 to each institution for FY 06, and allocating \$297,000 to each institution for FY 07.

ENLACE programs at 16 member schools of Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) have received funding through the Public Education Department (PED) Family Youth and Resource Program in FY 07; and the PED Truancy and Dropout Program in FY 07 provided \$90,000 for an ENLACE dropout prevention program.

In addition, UNM received appropriations totaling approximately \$180,000 for FY 06 and FY 07 for ENLACE Los Compañeros program, which links UNM college and graduate school mentors with students in low-income middle schools.

Issues:

An initiative of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to increase higher education attainment of Latino students, New Mexico ENLACE engages community collaborations in three regions of the state led by colleges and universities that are designated as Hispanic-serving institutions because of their high enrollments of Hispanic and low-income students:

- the northern region based at SFCC, partnering with Northern New Mexico College and New Mexico Highlands University; Santa F Public Schools, Las Vegas City Public Schools, and Española Public Schools; Los Alamos National Laboratory; and local business and community-based organizations;
- the southern region based at NMSU, partnering with Doña Ana Branch Community College; Las Cruces Public Schools, Gadsden Independent Schools, and Hatch Valley Public Schools; the Greater Las Cruces and the Hispano chambers of commerce; and an array of community agencies; and
- the central region based at UNM, partnering with Albuquerque, Valley, and West Mesa high schools; Washington, Garfield, and Truman middle schools; the New Futures alternative school; Bernalillo Public Schools, Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute; and a variety of business and nonprofit organizations. PED states that it funds ENLACE sites in the APS system through the Family and Youth Resource program created by the 2004 Legislature.

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation identifies ENLACE as consisting of 13 partnerships in seven states that are working to increase the number of Latino graduates from high school and college. As the fastest-growing segment of the nation's college-age population (ages 18-25), and with a total population approaching 40 million, Latinos will constitute one-fifth of the nation's workforce by 2025. ENLACE seeks to unite institutions, organizations, and communities in focused commitment to improving education for Latino youth.

Testimony from ENLACE to the Legislative Education Study Committee during the 2006 interim described the program as a grassroots initiative dedicated to empowering marginalized Hispanic/Latino and other communities of color through a comprehensive P-20 educational pipeline.

Related Bills:

SB 500 *ENLACE Program at Certain Schools*

*HB 325 *ENLACE Program at Certain Schools* (identical)